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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 22-24, 26 and 29 have been amended, and claims 2, 8, 14-17, 19 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 18, 20-24 and 26-35 are pending and under consideration.

I. Objections to the Abstract

The abstract stand objected to as failing to provide a complete, technical disclosure of the invention. The abstract has been amended to provide the required technical disclosure. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 12, 25 and 29 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in dependent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8, claims 2 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 3 and 4 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 10. Claims 14-17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 25 and intervening claim 19, claims 19 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and claims 22-24 and 26 have been amended to depend from claim 18. Finally, claim 29 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 18 and intervening claim 27. Accordingly, allowance of claims 12-15, 25-28 and 33-36 is respectfully requested.

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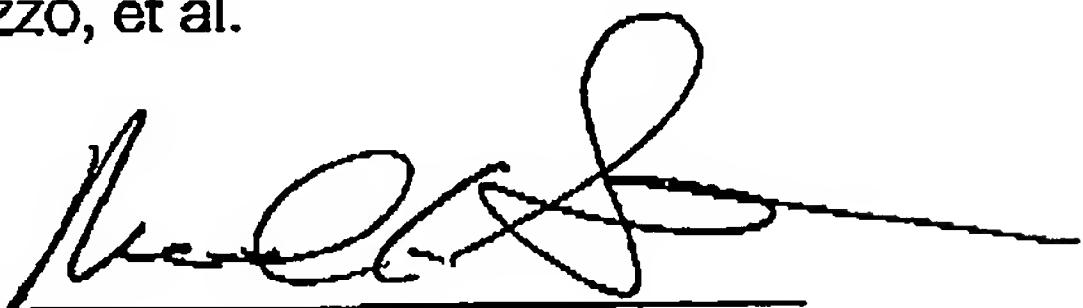
III. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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